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I, Leslie M. Thompson, am a citizen of the United States of America, and I reside at 19 McClintock Court, Irvine, California. I hereby declare as follows.

1. I am an inventor of the subject matter now claimed in the patent application referenced above (herein, "the application").
2. Prior to March 16, 2000, I worked with others at the University of California – Irvine to develop an animal model that could be used to screen and identify therapeutic agents useful in ameliorating diseases, such as Huntington's Disease, which are associated with undesirable protein-protein interactions within affected cells. Some of the work performed to generate that animal model was described in an article entitled, "Expanded polyglutamine peptides alone are intrinsically cytotoxic and cause neurodegeneration in *Drosophila*", which was published in *Human Molecular Genetics*, 9(1):13-25, 2000. The manuscript was received by the journal on August 23, 1999.

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